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APPENDIX

QUESTIONNAIRE

Part 1

Background Information

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out in what ways traditional beliefs about menstruation play a role in the exclusion of women from cultic leadership.

Date of Interview

1. Informant or Respondent
2. Christian Denomination
3. Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female
4. Age: ☐ 20-29years ☐ 30-39years ☐ 40-49years ☐ 50-59years
 ☐ 60years & above
5. Occupation: ☐ Farming ☐ Teaching ☐ Nursing ☐ Trading
 ☐ Carpentry ☐ Masonry ☐ Apprenticeship ☐ Others
(Please Specify)
6. Level of Education:
 ☐ No Formal Education
 ☐ Primary/Elementary/JSS
 ☐ Secondary/Technical/Commercial/SSS

☐ Teacher Training/nursing Training/Polytechnic

☐ Tertiary (e.g. Universities and Equivalent)

7. Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Married ☐ Widowed

8. Number of Children: ☐ None ☐ 1-3 children ☐ 4-6 ☐ 7-9
☐ 10 children and above

9. Ethnic Group: ☐ Akan ☐ Ewe ☐ Ga-Adangbe ☐ Mole-Dagbani
☐ Other (Please Specify)

PART II

Psychological/theological questions

1) There are those who claim that menstruation makes women impure and hinders women's leadership of the Church. Do you agree? Give reasons for your agreement or non-agreement.

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2) Why do you think people attach impurity to menstruation, which is a natural phenomenon?

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3) What do you think about the following Biblical passages:

a) Lev 15:19-20; "When a woman has her regular flow of blood, the impurity of her monthly period will last seven days, and anyone who touches her will be unclean till evening. Anything she lies on during her period will be unclean, and

anything she sits on will be unclean.

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- b) Lev 12: 2-5 “Say to the Israelites: ‘A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period... Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified from her bleeding---. If she gives birth to a daughter, for two weeks the woman will be unclean, as during her period. Then she must wait sixty-six days to be purified from her bleeding.

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- c) Lev. 15: 2-6 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘when any man has a bodily discharge, the discharge is unclean. Whether it continues flowing from his body or is blocked, it will make him unclean. Any bed the man with a discharge lies on will be unclean, and anything he sits on will be unclean. Anyone who touches his bed must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be unclean till evening. Whoever sits on anything that the man with a discharge sat on must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and will be unclean till evening.”

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- d) Leviticus 15: 16-17 ‘When a man has an emission of semen, he must bathe his whole body with water, and he will be unclean till evening. Any clothing or leather that has semen on it must be washed with water, and it will be unclean till evening.

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- 4) Some men refuse to eat food prepared by women in their menstrual period (even what is prepared by their own wives). What is your opinion of this?

- 5) Will you accept Holy Communion from a woman who is in her menstrual period? Give reasons.....

- 6) Some women do not attend Church service or partake in Holy Communion when they are in their menstrual period. Do you agree with this stand? Give reasons.....

- 7) How do women feel about female women in Church? Give reasons.

- 8) How do you feel about women leading your church?.....

- 9) Why do you feel this way?.....

- 10) Whose leadership do women prefer men or women? Giver reasons for your answer.....

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11) How do you feel about female Administrators?.....
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12) Are there any aspects of Church leadership that women do not handle in the church? Give reasons.
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13) Do you feel that a woman is fit to administer baptism and Holy Communion? If 'NO', why?
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